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Instructions for operation

CAUTION: Read this manual carefully before handling and loading the pistol.

WARNING: The Beretta Model 96D has ***no*** **manual safety** and functions on the double action principle leaving the hammer fully-lowered after each firing or manual slide reciprocation.

BASIC SAFETY

- A loaded firearm has the potential to kill. Intelligently handled it is safe.
- An accident is always the result of basic safety rules neglect.
- Accident prevention is user responsibility.
- Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded.
- Never point a firearm at anything you don't want to shoot.
- Before handling and loading a firearm, be sure you know how it functions.
- Be sure to use correct and undamaged ammunition.
- Be sure your firearm is clean—before loading inspect the barrel to insure it is perfectly clean and free of foreign objects. Shooting with an obstruction in the barrel such as dirt, mud, grease, lodged bullet or jacket, residues, etc., can cause barrel bulging and/or rupture.
- Never shoot at a flat surface or water.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages or drugs before and during shooting.
- Avoid hard hitting or dropping of a loaded firearm.
- Store firearms and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children. Be sure cartridge chamber is empty.
- To avoid corrosion during storage, thoroughly clean the firearm and protect all metal surfaces with a light film of good grade gun oil. Store pistol unwrapped in a container placed in a ventilated area. Store ammunition in a separate container placed in a cool ventilated area.

Shooting Glasses and Earplugs: Shooting glasses are a must—chances of gas, gunpowder and dirt particle blow-back are remote but do exist. Earplugs reduce the chance of temporary or permanent loss of hearing when shooting.

Firearms Safety Course: To familiarize yourself with the proper use of firearms, attend a Firearms Safety Course in your area. Remember—only YOU are responsible for the firearm in your hands. Prevent accidents by knowing its function. HANDLE IT WITH RESPECT NOT FEAR. Safety devices on firearms are EXTRAS and are not substitutes for safe handling.

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INTRODUCTION

The Beretta 96D semiautomatic pistol is exclusively designed as a special personal defense sidearm for thoroughly trained military and law enforcement agencies.

The 96D accommodates tactical demands for a pistol with **NO manual safety** and double action only trigger system. Otherwise, it incorporates the advanced passive safety features of the 92FS, whose excellent performance in competitive testing has made it the choice of military and police forces worldwide.

DESCRIPTION

A. LOCKING SYSTEM: The unique barrel-mounted falling locking block and short barrel recoil stroke ensures long service life and targeting accuracy. (Fig. I-A)

B. DOUBLE ACTION: This system, also known as trigger cocking action, retains the advantage of the double action revolver by ensuring identical weight and length of trigger pull from the hammer's fully-lowered position of each round fired. After chambering the first round by pulling the slide to the rear and releasing it, the pistol is ready for discharge by the double action trigger pull mode. After each slide reciprocation the hammer remains fully-lowered. This also insures the safety advantage of trigger pull repeat in case of misfire (Fig. 1-B & D2).

C. MAGAZINE: The staggered, strongly constructed, case-hardened, steel magazine with hard coated aluminum follower and quick removable floorplate, for ease of cleaning, and has a 10-round capacity (Fig. 1-C & Fig. 2).

D. SAFETY FEATURES:

1. **FIRING PIN:** The firing pin, functioning on the inertia principle, is designed to insure positive discharge combined with ultimate accidental discharge prevention during slide reciprocating chamber loading, automatic hammer lowering and/or inadvertent handling impact. Since the firing pin is shorter than the slide breech, the pistol can be carried with the chamber loaded and the hammer in its automatically fully-lowered to rest against the breech position (Fig. 1-D1 & 2).

2. **AUTOMATIC HAMMER LOWERING:** During manual and automatic recoil slide reciprocation the linkage between trigger and hammer is disconnected making the hammer follow the slide's cocking cam back and forth without the hammer striking the firing pin. The spurless hammer blends smoothly into the slide curvature in order to prevent manual cocking attempt and/or snag fanning during handling (Fig. 1 & 5-D2).

   WARNING: Keep fingers off the spurless hammer.

3. **AUTOMATIC FIRING PIN CATCH:** This device positively prevents accidental discharge of a chambered rounds by firing pin inertia should the pistol inadvertently be dropped onto the ground. Also, it prevents firing pin inertia (primer ding mark) discharge of a cartridge during manual slide manipulation chamber loading as well as automatic slide recoil reciprocation chambering during shooting while the shooter keeps the trigger retracted. This device only becomes disconnected to permit pistol discharge at the last stage of the double action trigger pull. Further, by being clearly visible in front of the rear sight, the shooter can, at a glance, verify if the catch is engaged DOWN or disengaged UP (Fig. 1 & 3-D1 & 3).

4. **CHAMBER LOADED INDICATOR:** For double security, the pistol is equipped with a chamber loaded indicator. When a cartridge is chambered, the extractor head protrudes outside the slide breech, exposing a red warning signal. In the dark, the protrusion can be felt by touch. For utmost security, always verify whether the chamber is loaded or unloaded by visual inspection of the chamber after short manual slide retraction (Fig. 4-D4).

5. **SLIDE OVERTRAVEL STOP:** The head flange of the hammer pin enters a matching travel groove cut into the underside of the left slide rail to stop the slide breech in case of recoil overtravel (Fig. 1-D5).

E. FIELD STRIPPING SIMPLICITY: The disassembling latch allows for quick and simple field stripping (Fig. 1-E1). Optional: Disassembling latch with cut-down finger knob available.

F. FUNCTIONAL AND MECHANICAL FEATURES:

1. **SLIDE CATCH:** As the last round is fired, the recoil reciprocating slide is automatically locked open by the slide catch, clearly signaling the magazine is empty. For slide closing by right shooting hand, push the

catch down by the thumb. When using left shooting hand, push the catch down by the index finger (Fig. 1-F1).

2. **SPECIAL SIGHTS:** Both the fixed front and drift adjustable rear sights are designed for swift target acquisition. To aid sighting under low light conditions, the sights are equipped with white inlays (Fig. 1-F2).

3. **V-GROOVED FRAME SERRATION:** The grip front and back straps are longitudinally serrated to secure a firm hold even with wet hands or under conditions of rapid, unaimed fire (Fig. 1 & 6—F3).

4. **REVERSIBLE MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON:** The thumb release button is factory installed for *right-handed operation*, conveniently located behind the trigger guard strap for quick combat release. If shooting *left-handed*, the button can be reached and depressed with ease by the left-hand index or second finger (Fig. 1-F4).

   A left-handed shooter may prefer the device installed with the button on the right for convenient operation. After removing both grip panels the device can simply be pushed out of its seat by applying finger pressure from the buttonless side for reverse installation. Armorer assistance recommended.

5. **CHECKERED GRIPS:** The high impact resistant plastic grips (walnut grips on request) have thumb relief for ease of safety lever reach and full grasp area checkered to ensure better hold with a touch of elegance (Fig. 1-F5).

6. **COMBAT TRIGGER GUARD:** The trigger guard front strap is crosswise V-groove serrated to insure firm rest of the index finger when shooting with two hand hold (Fig. 1-F6).

GENERAL FUNCTIONAL PRINCIPLE:

All Beretta pistols of the 92/96 Series are semiautomatic, functioning on the delayed blowback, short barrel recoil stroke principle, utilizing a unique falling locking block system.

Considering the 96D pistol magazine and chamber loaded, the hammer automatically fully-lowered, the pistol is ready for discharge by the double action trigger pull mode.

Upon trigger pull discharge of the chambered round, the powder gas pressure recoils the locked-together barrel locking block/slide unit, compressing the recoil spring. After a short run, the locking block, via its plunger, smoothly disengages the locking system. As the barrel recoil stops, the disconnected slide completes its recoil stroke, during which the trigger linkage disconnected hammer is rotated into cocking motion, the spent cartridge case extracted and ejected and the next cartridge in the magazine lifted up in front of the slide breech ready for chambering. At the moment the slide recoil is halted, the compressed recoil spring pushes the slide forward chambering the next cartridge. As the slide moves forward the compressed hammer spring makes the disconnected hammer ride the slide's cocking cam making the hammer gently come to rest against the slide breech at the end of its closing stroke, ready for double action trigger pull mode. Upon chambering, the slide breech pushes the barrel unit forward, and as the locking block slides up the frame's lifting support cam, the slide closing stroke is completed. The shooter must allow the trigger to go forward and re-engage to fire the next round.

After the last round is fired and the slide breech recoils past the magazine well, the spring activated magazine follower lifts the slide catch, which upon the slide's closing stroke locks the slide open, signaling the pistol is empty.

LOADING AND FIRING:

Caution: Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to fire. Make sure the chamber is not already loaded.

LOADING THE MAGAZINE:

To load the magazine, remove it from the pistol by depressing the magazine release button (Fig. 7).

Hold the magazine in the left hand. With your right hand place a cartridge on the follower in front of the lips, press down and slide the cartridge completely back under the lips (Fig. 8). For ease of continued loading place

the head of the next cartridge to be loaded on the front of the case, not bullet, of the cartridge in the magazine as you press down for inserting. Holes on the back of the magazine marked 5-10 allow for quick counting.

NOTE: **When brass of** *ONE* cartridge only can be seen entering the lower hole, the magazine is loaded to its full 10-round capacity. *DO NOT TRY TO FORCE AN EXTRA ROUND INTO THE MAGAZINE.* The felt additional space is needed to insure perfect functioning.

LOADING THE PISTOL:

CAUTION: Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to fire. Make sure the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction.

- Push the loaded magazine into the pistol grip well to solid stop in one continuous, firm hand stroke to insure positive catch engagement, verified by a sharp click. (Make sure not to slam the magazine as it may result in feeding malfunctioning, magazine and/or ammunition damage.)
- Grasping the slide serration with thumb and index finger, fully retract and without hesitation release the slide for energetic closing stroke, insuring chamber loading and slide lock-up (Fig. 9).

CAUTION: Always keep finger off the trigger until ready to fire. Make sure the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction (Fig. 10).

LOADING TO MAXIMUM PISTOL CAPACITY:

During normal chamber loading, as described above, the pistol contains one round in the chamber plus 9 rounds in the magazine.

- If the shooter, after normal chamber loading from a 10-round loaded magazine, prefers to load the pistol to its full 11-round capacity, take the following steps:
  1. Remove the magazine by depressing the magazine release button.
  2. Replenish the magazine with *one* round only to its full 10-round capacity.
  3. Push the magazine into the pistol grip insuring catch engagement.
- If the shooter, during firing, exchanges magazine before the pistol is fired empty and the exchanged magazine is fully loaded, the pistol will contain its maximum 10-round capacity.

DIRECT CHAMBER LOADING:

The major advantage of the pistol's open slide and extractor configurations is to minimize the remote chance of feeding, extraction and/or ejection malfunctioning. In the rare event of feeding and/or extraction jamming, the design allows for simplicity and speed in clearing to continue firing. Further, the unique design principle makes it possible to fire the pistol single shot with ease of operation should the magazine be damaged. Also, it makes it possible to close the slide over a cartridge directly inserted into the chamber.

- Keep finger off trigger (Fig. 10).

- With the magazine removed, manually retract the slide and engage the slide catch.
- With the muzzle pointing downward, directly and fully seat a cartridge in the chamber.
- Release the slide to closing.

NOTE: The pistol is now chamber loaded.

The pistol can be fired single shot.

By inserting a fully loaded magazine the pistol will be loaded to its 10-round capacity.

It is possible to direct chamber load with an *empty* magazine inserted.

If shooting single shot without a magazine, the slide will remain closed over the empty chamber after discharge.

If shooting single shot with empty magazine inserted, the slide will stay open after discharge.

FIRING:

WHEN READY TO FIRE:

- Aim the pistol and align front and rear sight on target.
- Fire by squeezing the trigger through the double action trigger pull mode, cocking and releasing the hammer to fall.
- The discharge pressure will recoil the locked barrel/slide unit, compressing the recoil spring, disengaging the locking system, extract and eject the spent cartridge case and swing the hammer into cocking motion. The recoil spring will push the slide forward, chambering the next cartridge from the magazine and re-engaging the locking system. As the slide moves forward the hammer, under spring pressure, rides the slide's cocking cam to gentle rest against the slide breech. After trigger finger ease-up, permitting the trigger to move forward to its double action mode position, the PISTOL IS READY TO FIRE AGAIN.
- To continue firing, squeeze the trigger through the double action trigger pull mode, as explained above.
- When the last round has been fired, the slide is automatically held open by the slide catch (Fig. 11).
- To fire again, remove the empty magazine and insert a loaded one.
- Press the slide catch (Fig. 1-F1) to load the chamber and close the slide (Fig. 12).
- The slide can also be closed for chamber loading by simply retracting and releasing the slide.

CAUTION: THE PISTOL IS NOW LOADED, THE HAMMER FULLY-LOWERED, AND READY TO FIRE BY DOUBLE ACTION TRIGGER PULL.

UNLOADING THE PISTOL:

- Keep finger off trigger. Make sure the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction.
- Depress the magazine release button to remove the magazine from the pistol.

- Grasping the slide serration with thumb and index finger, fully retract the slide to extract and eject the chambered cartridge.
- Holding the slide retracted, visually inspect through the open slide that the magazine well and chamber are clear. WHEN SURE THE CHAMBER IS EMPTY AND THE CARTRIDGE HAS BEEN EJECTED, quickly release the slide for closing.

UNLOADING THE MAGAZINE:

- To unload the magazine with ease, grasp with one hand around the magazine box, bottom down and front end forward. With the tip of the thumb firmly press down on the cartridge rim, to elevate the bullet nose, and push. As the bullet moves over the front wall, tip it slightly upward with the index finger to ease the cartridge over the front wall.
- Repeat until the magazine is unloaded.

MAINTENANCE

In an emergency situation a properly maintained pistol loaded with quality ammunition may save your life. Always keep it clean and lightly lubricated.

Do not use the pistol's excellent capability to function under adverse conditions as a reason to relax normal maintenance procedures.

Every time the pistol is fired or at least once a month, cleaning and lubrication is recommended. Start with:

FIELD STRIPPING:

Caution: Make sure the pistol is unloaded. See paragraph "Unloading the Pistol."

NOTE: The pistol is designed for ease of field stripping under adverse conditions. The photos show the most illustrative method. The text will explain other methods of manipulation. With a little practice field stripping can be performed in seconds.

Use the grasping method most convenient for manipulation control and comfort.

To avoid parts damage DO NOT PULL THE TRIGGER while removing and mounting the slide.

- Remove magazine by depressing magazine release button.
- Hold pistol in the right hand, muzzle slightly elevated; with the left forefinger depress the disassembling latch release button and with the left thumb rotate the disassembling latch clockwise until it stops, wing pointing down (Fig. 13).

NOTE: The disassembling latch can be reached and depressed by the right hand index finger while using the left thumb to either pull or push down the latch wing.

When using the left hand to operate the disassembling latch system you can choose to place your left hand from below the frame pulling down the latch wing or place your left hand above the slide pushing down the latch wing by the thumb.

- In one smooth stroke pull the barrel/slide assembly forward off the frame (Fig. 14).

WARNING: The recoil spring guide is held under pressure by the recoil spring. Be careful not to inadvertently cause this unit to "shoot off" the barrel/slide assembly.

NOTE: The barrel/slide assembly can be pulled off the frame also by grasping the slide from above. That method has the advantage that the thumb can be swung under the slide, supporting the recoil spring/guide unit while pulling the barrel/slide assembly off the frame.

- To dismantle the recoil spring guide unit, rest the barrel/slide assembly turned upside down in the palm of your hand, muzzle forward (Fig. 15).

CAUTION: Spring and guide are under tension.

- Place the tip of the index finger at the front corner of the slide and the tip of the thumb on the head of the recoil spring guide and squeeze, just enough to obtain the spring pressure. Carefully swing up the recoil spring guide until its head clears the locking block and barrel lug. Ease up thumb pressure to relax spring tension and remove spring and guide.

NOTE: The recoil spring guide can also be dismantled by:

Grasping the head of the guide between thumb and index finger, push forward, lift and ease up spring tension.

By placing the thumb across the locking block, push forward, lift and ease up spring tension.

- To dismantle the barrel/locking block unit from the slide, proceed as follows:

Keeping the slide in the palm of your hand as when removing the recoil spring and guide (Fig. 16), place the tip of the index finger in front of the front barrel lug and the thumb against the plunger protruding the rear barrel lug. Push the plunger forward to raise the locking block. When the locking block lugs clear the slide's locking block shoulders, push the barrel forward just enough for the barrel to clear the extractor head, lift the barrel to clear the breech and pull it out of the slide.

NOTE: If preferred, support the slide in the palm of your hand, muzzle toward yourself. Place the tip of the index finger on the plunger and the thumb against the barrel front lug (Fig. 17 & 18), otherwise proceed as explained above.

WARNING: Avoid pulling the trigger to initiate hammer fall when the pistol is field stripped.

NO FURTHER DISASSEMBLY IS RECOMMENDED UNLESS DONE BY A COMPETENT GUNSMITH OR ARMORER.

RECOMMENDED SAFETY FEATURE INSPECTION:

To insure the highest degree of functional integrity and self-protection readiness, it is recommended that the pistol be submitted to a periodical cleaning and safety feature, etc. inspection by a competent gunsmith or armorer. This is particularly important when the pistol has been exposed to excessive shooting, adverse field condition usage, dropped against hard surface, into sand, mud or salt water.

WHAT TO USE FOR CLEANING:

For normal barrel cleaning purpose use a standard barrel brush and if necessary to brush out stubborn gunpowder residue and/or metal deposit, use a metal bore brush and standard flannel patches.

For general action cleaning use lint free cloth, a small brush, pipe cleaners, cotton swabs, toothpicks and a small wood applicator to remove stubborn dirt, etc. DO NOT use sharp instruments.

Use a good grade of CLP (cleaning-lubricant-preservative) gun oil.

Most guns and sporting goods stores can supply suitable cleaning kits.

BARREL CLEANING AND LUBRICATION:

Wet the brush with CLP gun oil. Insert the brush into the barrel from the chamber and scrub chamber and bore thoroughly.

Dry chamber and bore by pushing a tightly fitting flannel patch through the chamber and bore with the brush or cleaning rod. Keep changing patch until it emerges clean.

Clean the locking block with a cloth soaked in CLP gun oil; if necessary use a brush. Wipe clean.

Lightly oil chamber and bore by passing a clean CLP gun oil moistened flannel patch through from the chamber. Lightly oil exterior of barrel and locking block, making sure the rails are lubricated. Lightly oil the locking block, making sure its front and rear hinge surfaces are lubricated. Place a drop of oil around the locking block plunger. Check and make sure the locking block and plunger move freely.

NOTE: When cleaning barrel after shooting be sure to recheck the chamber and bore for possible gunpowder residue sweat-out a few days after the shooting/cleaning.

SLIDE CLEANING AND LUBRICATION:

Clean slide with cloth and/or brush soaked in CLP gun oil, paying special attention to the breech face and extractor, slide rails, underside of breech and the back surface around firing pin. Wipe clean.

Lightly oil the slide. Place a few drops of oil on the slide rails and smooth it out throughout the length of the rails, likewise oil underside of breech. With the thumb push the extractor outward, drop a few drops of oil alongside the extractor and move it briskly to insure internal penetration. From below place a drop of oil around the firing pin catch and push and release to

insure free movement and oil penetration. Place a few drops of oil into the firing pin bore from the rear of the breech and check to insure oil penetration and free movement. Wipe off excessive lubrication.

- Check the functional relationship between firing pin and firing pin catch and insure internal cleaning/lubrication. With a punch (ballpoint pen), push the firing pin forward. The tip of the firing pin must not protrude breech face.
- With the tip of the finger, from below the slide breech, push the firing pin catch fully up and hold it while pushing the firing pin forward. The firing pin tip must protrude the breech face and move freely back and forth under energetic spring force.

RECOIL SPRING AND GUIDE LUBRICATION:

Wipe or brush clean the spring and guide. Lightly oil the guide rod. Wipe the spring clean only with an oily cloth.

FRAME CLEANING AND LUBRICATION:

With a CLP gun oil soaked cloth or bristle brush, thoroughly clean all areas covered with gunpowder residue and field dirt. Brush out the magazine well using the bristle bore brush only. In hard to reach areas use pipe cleaners or cotton swabs.

Wipe clean and lightly lubricate rails and moving parts. With a few drops of oil and parts movement to insure oil penetration, particularly lubricate the disassembling latch, magazine catch release button, slide stop, trigger system, hammer, spacer bushing and lever in front of hammer.

NOTE: For ease of pistol assembly make sure the disassembling latch is placed in take-down position, its wing pointing straight down.

MAGAZINE CLEANING AND CARTRIDGE ROTATION:

Be sure to thoroughly clean the magazine(s). After cleaning, wipe with a lightly oil moistened cloth.

NOTE: To avoid cartridge damage due to frequent unloading and loading of a chambered round and vibration impact damage of the cartridges in the magazine pounding against the magazine taper guide ribs, we recommend periodic inspection and rotation of the chambered round and cartridges in the magazine.

AFTER FIELD STRIPPING ASSEMBLY:

Assemble by following the field stripping procedure in reverse order. It is advisable to pay attention to the following points:

- The barrel should rest perfectly flush against the slide (the extractor must lodge in its barrel groove).
- The locking block lugs must be in the slide's locking lug shoulder slot (the locking block plunger must protrude from the rear barrel lug).
- The recoil spring and guide must be parallel to the barrel and slide side walls and particularly important, the head of the recoil spring guide perfectly seated into its half round cutout in the locking block. Thumb pressure on the head will insure perfect seating.

NOTE: If the recoil spring plunger head is not properly seated, the slide cannot be pushed back on the frame to engage the disassembling latch.

- Before barrel/slide unit mounting to the frame, insure that the disassembling latch is in its disassembly position (wing pointing straight down).

After assembly and BEFORE LOADING insure by manipulation that the slide reciprocates freely, the trigger system, slide stop, and magazine catch release button function perfectly. Likewise, clean and check all spare magazines.

AMMUNITION

The use of good quality ammunition combined with preventive maintenance will make the pistol perform flawlessly through years of service. To prevent malfunctioning always visually inspect each cartridge for external damage before loading.

The pistol is designed and proof tested to withstand continued shooting with all brands and types of commercial ammunition manufactured to standard S.A.A.M.I. specifications known as:

.40 cal.

We do not recommend the extended use of +P+ ammunition because the chamber pressure may reach or exceed proof load pressure, decreasing the major components service life expectancy.

The warranty does not cover the use of reloaded and/or hand loaded ammunition.

WARNING: If using reloaded cartridges containing solid lead bullets, take the following precautions:

DO NOT use any ammunition on which the case mouth is CRIMPED into the bullet.

Make sure the bullets are of the right caliber size according to S.A.A.M.I. specifications.

Avoid the use of bullets having a sharp contour step close to case mouth.

Lead bullets have a tendency to cause bore lead accumulation which may dramatically increase the discharge pressure.

Make sure to remove all chamber and bore lead accumulation after each shooting.

DO NOT ever shoot cartridges with jacketed bullets through a barrel previously fired with lead bullets before the bore is thoroughly deleaded.

Repeated reloading will structurally weaken the case head/web section which may result in case rupture.

DRY FIRING/"DUMMY" ROUNDS:

If you want to practice aim and trigger pull, insert a FIRED cartridge case or "DUMMY" cartridge in the chamber to cushion the fall of the firing pin and eliminate the chance of firing pin breakage.

Your dealer can supply different "DUMMY" cartridges.

NOTE: "DUMMY" cartridges with spring loaded "Primer" are excellent.

"DUMMY" cartridges with solid heads are good for loading/unloading and dry firing practice.

"DUMMY" cartridges with empty primer pockets are good for loading/unloading practice but DO NOT protect the firing pin when dry firing.

TROUBLE SHOOTING, CAUSE AND REMEDIES

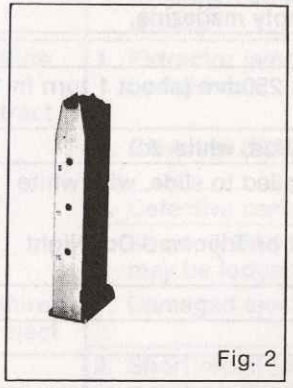
FAILURE	CAUSE	ACTION
Failure to feed	1. Defective cartridge (bent, indented, burred, etc.)	Replace
	2. Dirty chamber and/or action	Clean, lubricate
	3. Dirty magazine	Clean
	4. Damaged, indented burred magazine lips, etc.	Replace, repair by armorer
Misfire/ Hangfire	1. **Caution:** A misfire could be a hangfire (delayed discharge). Keep hands away from slide in case of recoil.	Fire double action, wait 10 seconds before reloading.
	2. Dirt prevents free and complete slide closing, hammer fall and/or firing pin strike.	Clean and lubricate
Failure to extract	1. Extractor jammed by powder residue or field dirt	Wash out in cleaning solution and lubricate
	2. Chamber dirty	Clean, lightly lubricate
	3. Defective cartridge	Replace
	4. Short recoil (defective cartridge, bullet may be lodged in bore)	Inspect barrel bore
Failure to eject	1. Damaged ejector	Service by armorer
	2. Short recoil (defective cartridge, bullet may be lodged in bore)	Inspect barrel bore

NOTE: When repair is needed contact our Service Department or a competent gunsmith or armorer.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Caliber/ Ammunition	.40 cal.
System of Operation	Semiautomatic, short stroke, delayed blowback recoil operated
Locking System	Straight barrel/slide unit reciprocation with oscillating locking block
Hammer	Exposed, spurless
Trigger	Double action trigger pull mode only
Firing Pin Catch	Automatically engaged catch prevents accidental discharge by firing pin inertia. Deactivated only at the moment of trigger pull hammer fall.
Slide Catch	Automatically secures the slide open when recoiled or manually retracted over empty magazine.
Grips	Black plastic or walnut
Rifling	6 grooves right hand, pitch 250mm (about 1 turn in 10 in.)
Front Sight	Square post integral with slide, white dot
Rear Sight	Square notched bar, dovetailed to slide, with white post Optional: White post, 2-Dot or Trijicon 3-Dot Night Sight System
Barrel Length	125mm (4.92 in.)
Sight Radius	158mm (6.22 in.)
Overall Length	217mm (8.54 in.)
Overall Height	140mm (5.51 in.)
Overall Width	38mm (1.50 in.)
Weight of Pistol (w/ empty magazine)	960 g. approx. (33.86 oz.)
Weight of Magazine (empty)	107 g. (3.82 oz.)

Fig. 1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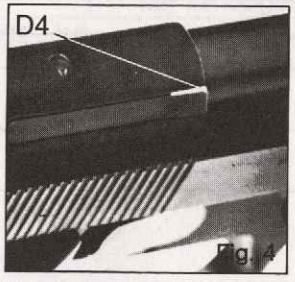

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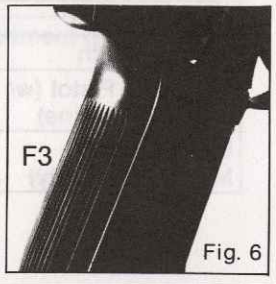

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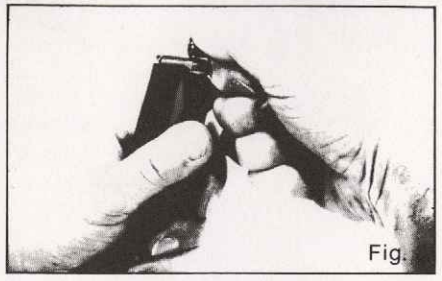
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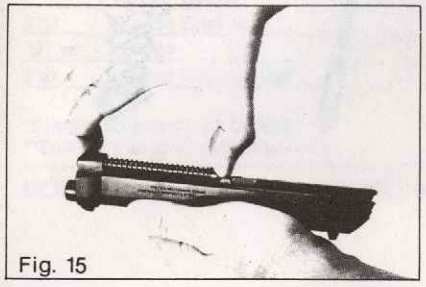
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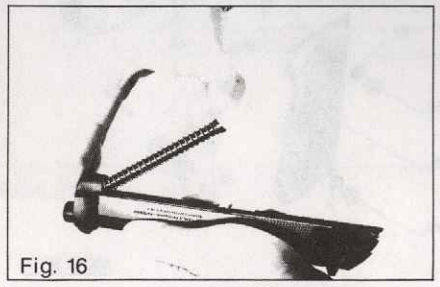
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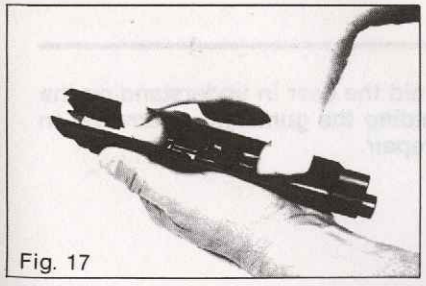
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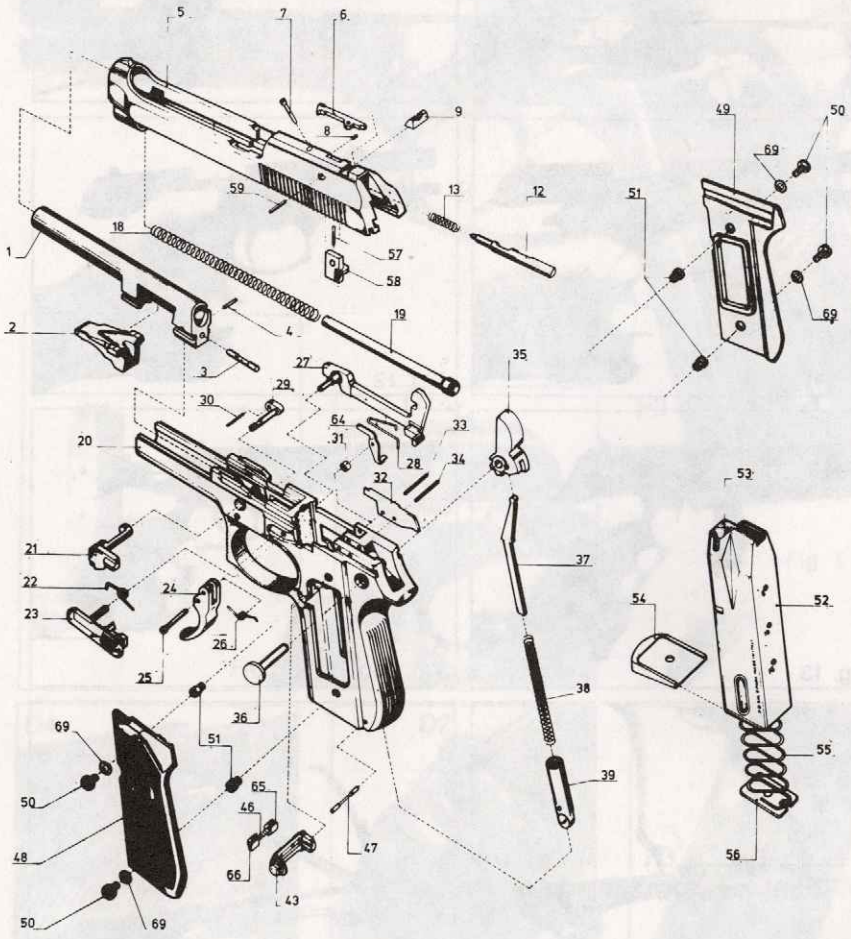
EXPLODED DRAWING



MOD 96D

NOTE: Exploded drawing is provided to aid the user in understanding the pistol's functioning only and in aiding the gunsmith or armorer in ordering parts when needed for repair.

PARTS LIST — MODEL 96D

Part #	Nomenclature
1	Barrel (Factory Fitting Required)
2	Locking Block
3	Locking Block Plunger
4	Locking Block Plunger—Retaining Pin
5D	Slide (Factory Fitting Required)
6	Extractor
7	Extractor Pin
8	Extractor Spring
9	Rear Sight* (Fitting Required)
12	Firing Pin
13	Firing Pin Spring
18	Recoil Spring
19	Recoil Spring Guide
20	Frame
21	Disassembling Latch
22	Slide Catch Spring
23	Slide Catch
24	Trigger
25	Trigger Pin
26	Trigger Spring
27	Trigger Bar
28	Trigger Bar Spring
29	Disassembling Latch Release Button
30	Disassembling Latch Release Button Spring
31D	Spacer Bushing
32	Ejector
33D	Spacer Bushing Pin

Part #	Nomenclature
34	Ejector Spring Pin
35D	Hammer—Spurless
36	Hammer Pin
37	Hammer Spring Guide
38D	Hammer Spring
39	Hammer Spring Cap
43	Magazine Release Button
46	Magazine Release Button Spring
47	Hammer Spring Cap Pin
48/49P	Grips (Plastic) Pair
48/49W	Grips (Wood) Pair
50	Grip Screw
51	Grip Bush
52	Magazine Box**
53	Magazine Follower
54	Magazine Bottom
55	Magazine Spring
56	Magazine Lock Plate
57	Firing Pin Catch Spring
58	Firing Pin Catch
59	Firing Pin Catch Retaining Spring Pin
64	Firing Pin Catch Lever
65	Magazine Catch Spring Bush (Short)
66	Magazine Catch Spring Bush (Long)
69	Spring Washer

*Specify post, dots, or Trijicon.
**Sold only as complete magazine.

NOTE: Always specify Model 96D when ordering parts.